

# Sudden Oak Death

Sudden Oak Death (SOD) is a serious exotic disease threatening California's native oaks and tanoaks.



UC Berkeley and the California Native Plant Society are hosting informational meetings and free SOD testing. Get involved with the SOD Blitz survey and help track the spread of this disease in your community!



Attend a meeting in your local area to learn more and help with the SOD Blitz.



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*Your Personal Invitation to  
Become a Citizen Scientist  
and a part of the 2014 SOD  
BLITZ*



Dear Woodside, Portola Valley & Atherton Residents,  
Sudden Oak Death (SOD), a serious invasive disease, is threatening the survival of tanoak, coast live oak, California black oak, Shreve's oak, and canyon live oak trees in California. Become involved and help to map the distribution of SOD in the area by joining the hundreds of "Citizen Scientists" who are helping by participating in a local SOD BLITZ.

It's as easy as 1-2-3:

1. **Attend** a local, 30-minute long training program with Dr. Matteo Garbelotto, Director of the U.C. Berkeley Forest Pathology Laboratory;
2. **Obtain** your SOD collection package;  
**Collect** symptomatic plant material.

We'll take the plant material you gather (bay leaves) to be tested in the labs at U.C. Berkeley. Results will be posted on an interactive web-available map on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please do not collect material before you attend the training session, as plants need to be sampled following a precise yet simple protocol!

Whether you have already participated in a SOD BLITZ, or it is your first time, California oaks need you. Residents with confirmed local SOD infections in their neighborhood can, in fact, inexpensively protect *their* trees from becoming infected. A follow-up session on how to manage SOD will be offered in the fall in the Woodside/Portola Valley area.

We appreciate your participation and look forward to seeing you for the training session:

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

**Woodside Town Hall – 2955 Woodside Road Woodside**

For more information on Sudden Oak Death, please check the Internet –  
**[www.matteolab.org](http://www.matteolab.org)**.

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